Possible Curricular Design: M.A. with Public Theology Specialization

**Degree**: Master of Arts

**Specialization**: Public Theology

**Purpose**: The Public Theology specialization is designed to prepare students for leadership of the public church or other forms of public ministry. The specialization provides in-depth study of public theology and the disciplines on which it depends with the goal of developing skills of analysis and argumentation that energize the public witness of the church.

**Requirements:** Successful completion of 36 credit hours of the degree program including a total of 15 credits in required Public Theology courses and electives plus the IS-100 MA Integrative Seminar. M.A. students must declare their intent to specialize within their first semester. Students may either indicate intent in pursuing this specialization at time of admission or may submit the specialization declaration [form](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.wesleyseminary.edu%2FPortals%2F0%2FdocLib%2FREG-201000-EMP%250ADeclaration.pdf&data=04%7C01%7Cbludlum%40wesleyseminary.edu%7C79f8d876c0cb4ee8b77108d9d7738837%7C7248b5fdde37482898a9d9a101e8a82b%7C0%7C0%7C637777713478185301%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=qYpyC65iKC3VCbhT0Kz4Zx1yQD8LAMh2WqS%2BQi2mPBU%3D&reserved=0) available at [www.wesleyseminary.edu/forms](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.wesleyseminary.edu%2Fforms&data=04%7C01%7Cbludlum%40wesleyseminary.edu%7C79f8d876c0cb4ee8b77108d9d7738837%7C7248b5fdde37482898a9d9a101e8a82b%7C0%7C0%7C637777713478185301%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=I9YiptusyOy%2F5InT5G84yxcGh4Tob5jggLhApxoQG0Q%3D&reserved=0) or in the Registrar’s Office.

**Required:**

Public Theology Specialization Requirements

* EP 200 – Foundations of Public Theology (3 credits)
* EP 282 – Faith, Politics, and the Public Square (2-4 credits)

Public Theology Electives

Public Theology specialization students are required to take Elective courses that bring the total credits obtained for the specialization, including the introductory sequence and capstone, to 15 that focus on the areas of public theology, social ethics, political theology, and contextual theology. A representative list of Public Theology approved elective courses can be obtained from the Academic Director of Public Theology or the Registrar’s Office.

To be taken in final semester:

* IS-100 MA Integrative Seminar (1 credit)
* EP 490 Capstone Project in Faith and Public Life (3 credits)

**Potential Additional Coursework:**

Suggested Courses with no-pre-requisites:

* BI 101- Introduction to Hebrew Bible I (Fall course, 3 credits)
* BI 102 - Introduction to Hebrew Bible II (Spring course, 3 credits)
* BI 171 - Introduction to New Testament: Gospels (Fall course, 3 credits)
* BI 172 - Introduction to New Testament: Epistles (Spring course, 3 credits)
* CH 101- The Church in History: Early Church through Reformation (Fall course, 3 credits)
* CH 102 - The Church in History: Reformation to Present (Spring course, 3 credits)
* Philosophy course (ST 180 or ST 181, offered Summer and Fall, respectively)
* Ethics electives (200-level ES coursework) and through the Washington Theological Consortium

Suggested Courses with pre-requisites:

* Systematic Theology I (Fall course, 3 credits)
* Systematic Theology II (Spring course, 3 credits)
* Upper-level Ethics coursework (300-level ES courses, offered every Fall & Spring)